



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

Fire Administration

PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Peninsula Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee, comprising of the City of Newport News, City of Hampton, City of Williamsburg, York County and James City County are sponsoring the development of a **regional comprehensive natural hazard mitigation plan** to better marshal County and Community resources in **addressing potential hazards before they occur**, and, to **maintain eligibility for mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**. Within the County and the City, **this plan will help lower the cost of flood insurance.**

We'd like **YOUR feedback** regarding this important document, which must be approved by each City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, the State and FEMA this fall.

The plan is being developed by a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) with input from County and City agencies, including each incorporated community, Special Districts (e.g., reclamation, recreation, fire, community college), regional flood and state and federal agencies (e.g., FEMA, USACE, NWS).

Before the recommendations and the first draft plan are developed, the HMPC would like to present our research and findings regarding the natural hazards posing threats to the Peninsula Area, and our current ability to counter those threats. Your comments and ideas are invited and are welcome at the upcoming public meetings, scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, June 27th, 2005
James City County Government Complex
Board Room
101-F Mounts Bay Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The program will include time for comments, questions and answers after a summary of each planning step is explained.

The deadline for public comment will be following the third phase this spring when the draft plan will be ready for review. Your feedback will be incorporated into the final version of the plan which will then reviewed by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and FEMA, Region III. Upon approval, the plan will be presented to the Williamsburg City Council, and each incorporated community.